
HOW TO USE THIS HANDBOOK

This handbook has been written to help you in your role as conservator of a person, conservator of an estate, or limited conservator of a person or estate. The book starts at the point that you have been appointed conservator. It explains what is expected of you and suggests resources to help.

This is not a do-it-yourself handbook. Most likely, you will need a lawyer's help at various times during the conservatorship. The symbol **L** is used throughout the book to emphasize situations that may require your lawyer's advice.

Although this book contains a lot of useful information, it is not meant to be read straight through. Instead, read the overview of conservatorship in Chapter 1 and any other chapters that apply to you. Then look in the index to find topics in the rest of the book that apply to you. Keep this book handy and refer to it when you need information.

- *Are you a temporary conservator?*
If so, read the overview in Chapter 1 and then read Chapter 2.
- *Are you the conservator for a developmentally disabled adult?*
If so, read the overview in Chapter 1 and then read Chapter 3.
- *Are you conservator of a person?*
If so, read the overview in Chapter 1 and then read Chapter 4.
- *Are you conservator of an estate?*
If so, read the overview in Chapter 1 and then read Chapter 5.